Hosmer Point
Building Confidence, Building Community

Craftsbury Common, Vermont
Welcome

Hosmer Point, located in Vermont’s Northeast Kingdom, is a place campers call home. Situated lake side, the camp provides enriching experiences that foster self-confidence and send young people out into the world better equipped to build community and lead positive change.

Each day is filled with play, work, and exploration which lead to life-long friendships. Our staff are positive role models who teach campers to engage, contribute, and challenge themselves. At camp we live by and instill our community values: Cooperation, Generosity, Kindness, Respect, Trust, and Unity.

As part of a non-profit foundation, our mission is to support and promote participation and excellence in life-long sports; to use and teach sustainable practices; and to protect and manage the surrounding land, lakes and trails.

Above all, campers are the heart of our community. To learn more, watch our camp movie at hosmerpoint.com/our-video or give us a call and find out how you, too, can call Hosmer Point home!

Jon Hammond, Camp Director

“ My daughter feels like Hosmer Point is her second home. I really appreciate the life skills she is experiencing while having so much fun.”

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Focus Areas

WATERSPORTS
Explore Great Hosmer Pond by canoe, kayak, paddleboard, or rowboat! Campers will have many opportunities to jump in the water on hot summer days or step out of their comfort zone to try the waterslide, aqua jump, or aqua skipper. We have certified lifeguards who love to teach new skills and have fun on the water.

SCULLING
Take our location on the shores of Great Hosmer Pond, combine it with experienced instructors and high-quality equipment, and you’ve got world-class sculling opportunities. Our “Scull with the Loons” curriculum allows campers to improve their skills from year to year as they gain experience. For maximum time on the water, check out our Specialty Sculling Camps.

FARM & BUILD
Dig in and get dirty! At the HP farm, campers help feed and care for the camp’s pigs, chickens, and goats. Our farm-to-table program lets campers harvest fresh veggies from our gardens and bring them to the kitchen for our next meal. Blueberry picking, pie baking, and more are on the menu! Our Build focus area is for campers who want to swing a hammer, learn to use a chisel or saw, or even build a whole tree house!

MOUNTAIN BIKING
Get ready for some high-speed adventure! Mountain bikers will experience a variety of exciting terrain and trails at Hosmer Point and at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. Campers can also learn bike maintenance and trail building skills.

“The values you embrace and the richness of the offerings impressed us so much.”
WILDERNESS
Explore our 600+ acres of woods, trails, and ponds. Learn to construct a shelter, build a fire, and other wilderness survival skills. Off-campus activities may include an overnight camping trip, hiking up a nearby mountain, or paddling down a local river.

CREATIVE ARTS
In this focus area, campers can express themselves in a wide variety of art forms such as drama and improv theater, dancing, knitting, drawing, and crafting. Creative Arts is about experiencing a diversity of mediums and sharing your skills while learning new ones.

SAILING
Learn to tack, jibe, and harness the power of the wind while sailing our fleet of sunfish sailboats on Great Hosmer Pond. A good way to build confidence on the water!

SPORTS
Build skills, stamina, and have fun! Active campers love our sports focus areas, which may combine one or more different games, including soccer, basketball, golf, tennis, archery, and frisbee golf.

CHALLENGE
Hosmer Point’s version of “Survivor.” In this focus area, campers compete in challenges which cultivate confidence, team work, determination, and endurance - while having fun! Very popular with campers, Challenge allows young people to redefine their limits and develop essential leadership skills.

ELECTIVES
During Elective periods, campers choose from a wide variety of options. They may be skill-building activities (like archery, cooking, or soccer) or silly ones (like cloud watching or Sasquatch hunting). Either way, they’re always camper favorites!

A Typical Day

6:45  Morning Run (optional)
7:15  Polar Bear Swim (optional)
7:30  Wake Up
8:00  Breakfast & Elective Sign-up
8:45 - 9:30  Community Work Time
9:30 - 10:45  Morning Focus Area
11:00 - 12:00  First Elective
12:00 - 1:15  Lunch & Rest Time
1:15 - 2:30  Afternoon Focus Area
2:45 - 3:45  Second Elective
3:45 - 4:00  Snack
4:00 - 5:00  Third Elective / Flex Time
5:00 - 6:00  Cabin Time
6:15  Dinner
7:30  Evening Activity
9:30  Lights Out

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Camp Life

CAMPERS
Because staying small helps build our tight-knit community, we accept fewer than 80 campers for each session. Hosmer Point attracts families with a diversity of backgrounds, from cities and from rural areas of the US and abroad. More than three-quarters return year after year. Our small size and community focus create a “first time away” experience which is perfect for new campers.

STAFF
Our counselors live, work and play with campers 24-hours a day. A staff ratio of 4 to 1 enables counselors to provide lots of individual attention. Counselors are between the ages of 18-24 and are positive role models, effective teachers and engaging mentors who strive to instill and live by our community values.

UN-PLUGGED CAMPUS
No electronics are allowed at camp! We promote connecting the old-fashioned way: face to face, or by mailing letters. We do post pictures on our camp blog throughout each session so parents can stay up-to-date.

DAILY SCHEDULE
The active schedule keeps campers moving from 7:30 AM to 9:30 PM with some down time too. There are 5-7 choices of activities for each focus area and elective period so there’s sure to be something for everyone! On arrival, campers choose two focus areas for each week. Rest Time and Cabin Time give campers a chance to relax, chat, or read a book from the camp library.

COMMUNITY WORK TIME
During this 45-minute period everyone in the Hosmer Point community works together to care for our farm and gardens and keep camp clean and tidy.
**CABINS**
Camp accommodations are **rustic cabins housing six to ten campers and two counselors**. There is a centrally located bathhouse in each cabin section with sinks, toilets, and showers.

**MEALS**
Campers gather three times a day for a family-style meal. Locally grown ingredients and healthfully prepared meals are a priority, with a focus on our **Farm to Table initiative**. Campers say our food is one of the highlights of their time at camp.

**EVENING ACTIVITIES**
Always popular, evening activities range from running games like Capture the Flag, to indoor events like Lip Synch. **Friendships are formed as all ages play together** at the end of a busy day.

“Wholesome, down-to-earth, fun, and great counselors too!”
We asked our campers for the

Top 3 Reasons They’ll Come Back to Hosmer Point:

COMMUNITY.
Campers quickly learn that at Hosmer Point, everyone is like one big family. Campers are respected for who they are, and form meaningful friendships with their campmates.

FUN CHOICES.
Campers set their own schedule for each day, choosing from a wide selection of activities. They like learning new skills in Focus Areas, and the spontaneity and fun of Electives.

FOOD.
From fresh-baked sticky buns to pizza from the wood-fired oven, it’s all healthy and delicious. Nothing tastes as good as food you’ve helped grow or prepare!

Traveling to Hosmer Point
Hosmer Point is in Northeastern Vermont, not far from the Canadian border. It’s takes about 1.5 hours to drive from Burlington, VT, 2.5 hours from Montréal, 4 hours from Boston, and 7 hours from New York City. Transportation from Burlington International Airport is available.

Questions? Give us a call. We’re happy to help.

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